

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Room 312
August 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima

Committee member absent: Councilor Dexter McNamara

Legislative staff present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Legislative Leader Bea Law, Executive Vice-Chairman Bill Denemy

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to table the correction of the Minutes of July 21, 2008, until the next meeting.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.

Old/on-going Business

By an e-mail received prior to today's meeting, Councilor McNamara reports that arrangements have been made for the second and third leg of the LTBB land tours by Tribal Council and invited guests. The tour will take place during the afternoon of the next Tribal Council Work Session, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2008.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that the synopsis of the first Tribal Council LTBB land tour, which was held on Saturday, July 19, 2008, is still a work in progress.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that the lease for the 'Timbuktu' property, located in Cheboygan County, has not been received yet. Committee Chairperson Kiogima to followup.

New Business

Attorney Budnick reports that she is not aware of any new court cases that may impact the land of any Tribe. Brief discussion held about a recent court decision that will not permit Tribal casinos more than twenty five miles from a respective Tribal reservation.

‘Land’ Training Session

Committee Chairperson Kiogima led discussion reviewing the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) grant requirements in reference to the use of a survey as a tool to determine the outcome of the upcoming two-day ‘Land and ILTF’ training session and the use of a similar survey to help in determining the needs/wants of LTBB citizens relative to land acquisition.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that no new expenditures have been applied to the ILTF grant account.

Attorney Budnick reported on the meeting she held with the Executive Department staff on Monday, August 4, 2008. Topics of discussion were further clarified and a tentative agenda was developed for the upcoming two-day training session to be held on Monday-Tuesday, September 8-9, 2008, at the Odawa Hotel.

Attorney Budnick reported on the status of plans to utilize tentative guest speakers Historian Dr. James McClurken, Attorney William Brooks, and Michigan State Assistant Director of the Native American Institute Nick Reo. Dr. McClurken’s and Attorney Brooks’ role have been confirmed; Assistant Director Reo’s role is still tentative. Attorney Budnick to have Assistant Director Reo’s role clarified soon.

10:50 a.m. – 11:04 a.m. Break.

A tentative agenda was discussed and developed for the walk-through training day scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008, at the Odawa Hotel. Logistics discussed and needs confirmed.

Discussed the receipt of Citizen registrations for the two-day training session scheduled for September 2008. It was decided that we may need to have the form, with an accompanying information letter, rerun in the Odawa Trails. It was also decided that forms could be distributed at the upcoming LTBB Powwow. And, it was suggested that the LTBB Commissioners be notified, through the Executive’s office, of the upcoming two-day training session. It was also recommended that Committee Chairperson Kiogima confirm the receipt of all registrations with each registrant.

Public Comment was opened at 11:54 a.m. Legislative Leader Law spoke about the Tribal Council budget relative to the ‘Land’ Committee’s work.
Public Comment closed at 11:57 a.m.

There were no further actions items that needed to be addressed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.